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In re Patent Application of) **MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: